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HIS Majeſty having determined to hold a Chapter of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, the Knights Companions reſident in and near London, were ſummoned by Vertue of Letters ſigned by the Right Reverend the Lord Biſhop of Salisbury, Chancellour of the Order, ſignifying the Sovereign's Pleaſure for their perſonal Appearance here at Two of the Clock this Day; whereupon his Roval Highneſs the Prince of Wales, with Twelve other Knights Companions, appeared habited in their Mantles and waited His Majeſty's coming in the Apartment next to his Bed-Chamber, and upon His Majeſty's Appearance, Garter Principal King of Arms, by the Sovereign's Command, called over the Names of the Knights Companions, beginning with the Juniors, and from thence the Proceſſion was made to the Council Chamber: The Juniors went firſt, and thoſe Knights whoſe Companions in the oppoſite Stalls were not preſent, went ſingle, in the following Order.

On the Left Hand,	On the Right Hand,
Duke of Roxburgh,	Duke of Rutland,
Duke of Bolton,	Earl of Lincoln,
Duke of Grafton,	Duke of Kingſton,

Duke of Newcaſtle,
Duke of St. Albans,
Duke of Dorſet,
Duke of Kent,

Duke of Argyll,	Duke of Devon,

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales,
Garter King of Arms, having the Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod on his Left Hand, both habited in their Mantles, and having the reſpective Badges of their Offices,
The SOVEREIGN.

Who having in this Manner entred into the Council-Chamber where the Chapter was to be held, the Knights Companions ſtood behind their ſeveral Chairs, placed according to the Situation of their Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Windſor, till the Sovereign had ſeated Himſelf in His Chair of State at the Head of the Table, when by his Majeſty's Leave the Knights Companions ſeated themſelves in their reſpective Chairs; which being done, Garter King of Arms with Reverence acquainted the Sovereign, that the Lord Biſhop of Wincheſter, Prelate of this moſt Noble Order, attended at the Door, and humbly beſought His Majeſty, that he might be admitted to take the Oath enjoyned by the Statutes, and His Majeſty being pleaſed to grant it, his Lordſhip being apparelled in the Mantle over his Epiſcopal Robes, and having the Badge of his Office upon his Breaſt, hung by a Gold Chain (for the wearing whereof His Majeſty had been pleaſed ſome time ſince, according to his Prerogative, to grant a Diſpenſation) was introduced into the Chapter between Garter on the Right, and the Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod on the Left Hand, who proceeded up with the uſual Reverences towards the Sovereign ſeated in the Chair of State, where the Lord Biſhop kneeled down, and the Oath of the Office of Prelate in Latin, was by the Sovereign's Command, read to him by Garter, during which Time the Black Rod kneeling held the Goſpels, and the Prelate having in this Poſture kiſſed His Majeſty's Hand, and afterwards riſing up was congratulated by the Knights Companions, and went behind the Chair of State near His Majeſty's Right Hand, where, by the Sovereign's Command, he declared it was his Royal Pleaſure, that the vacant Stalls occaſioned by the Deaths of the Duke of Richmond and of the Earl of Oxford, ſhould be now ſupplied by the Elections of two new Knights Companions; but becauſe the Statutes prohibit the Election of any Perſon into this moſt Noble Order who hath not actually received the Honour of Knighthood, the Sovereign was pleaſed to command Garter to bring in the Right Honourable Richard Lumley Earl of Scarborough, who being introduced between Garter and the Black Rod with the uſual Reverences proceeded towards the Sovereign ſeated in His Chair of State, where his Lordſhip on his Knees received the Honour of Knighthood in the uſual Manner, wherein His Majeſty uſed the Sword of State, which was delivered by the Black Rod on his Knees, and his Lordſhip being retired out of the Room, the ſame Ceremonies were obſerved in every Particular in conferring the Honour of Knighthood on the Right Honourable Charles Viſcount Townſhend of Raynham; who being alſo retired out of the Room, The Prelate, by His Majeſty's Order, collected the Scrutinies of all the Knights Companions preſent, beginning with the Junior, and ſo proceeding on in Order, in which Scrutinies each Knight Companion had wrote the Names of nine Perſons according to their different Claſſes qualified to be elected, that is of three Earls or of an higher Degree, three Viſcounts or Barons, and three Knights, to which each of them had ſeverally ſet their Hands in Writing, which the Prelate preſented to the Sovereign, who upon Inſpection of them commanded him to declare the Earl of Scarborough duly elected into one of the Vacancies, whereupon Garter was ſent to introduce his Lordſhip into the Chapter-Room to be inveſted, who at the Entrance into it was received between the Duke of Rutland on the Right and the Duke of Roxburgh on the Left Hand, the two Junior Knights Companions, and conducted between them up to the Sovereign with the accuſtomed Reverences, Garter carrying on a Crimſon Velvet Cuſhion the Garter (the Enſign of the Order) and a Gold George in a Blue Ribbon, having the Black Rod on his Left Hand, and theſe two Knights Companions being returned to their Seats according to their Stalls, Garter King of Arms on his Knee preſented to the Sovereign the Garter of the Order, which His Majeſty was pleaſed to deliver to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, who with the Duke of Devon, the Senior Knights preſent, buckled it about his Lordſhip's Left Leg, while Garter King of Arms read the proper Admonition enjoined by the Rules of the Order, and then immediately Garter on his Knee preſented to the Sovereign the Blue Ribbon with the Gold or Little George, which His Majeſty aſſiſted by the Prince and the Duke of Devon, put over the Left Shoulder of his Lordſhip who was then kneeling, athwart under his Right Arm, Garter King of Arms during that Time reading the proper Admonition in ſuch Caſe; and the ſaid Earl having in that Poſture kiſſed His Majeſty's Hand for the great Honour done him, roſe up, ſaluted ſeverally all the Knights Companions, who congratulated him thereon, and then withdrew out of the Chapter-Room.

The Prelate then declared the Sovereign's Pleaſure of filling the other Vacancy, and the Knights having then given their reſpective Suffrages, and every other Particular being obſerved in the manner above-deſcribed, The Prelate by His Majeſty's Command declared the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Townſhend duly elected, who was inveſted with the ſame Ceremonies in every reſpect, and then likewiſe withdrew.

Which done, the Knights Companions being again called over by Garter, returned in the ſame Order to the former Apartment with the Officers of the Order, ſave only that the Prelate having been ſworn proceeded in his proper Place.

Navy-Office, June 26, 1724.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy having appointed Wedneſday the 12th of Auguſt next, in the Morning, for coming to a new Contract with ſuch Perſons as are inclineable to Supply the Seamen ſerving in His Majeſty's Ships with the following Particulars, viz.

Jackets,	*Woollen Stockings,*
Waſtcoats,	*Woollen Gloves,*
Kerſey and Shag Breeches,	*Double Sole Shoes,*
Shirts,	*Braſs Buckles,*
Leather Caps,	*Striped Ticken Waſtcoats,*
Drawers,	*Striped Ticken Breeches,*

according to the preſent Patterns, at the cheapeſt Rates,

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